

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 1; that transmits a log to a management server at every preset log transmission timing, said log transmission device comprising:

a log storage control module that stores a log generated after a previous log transmission timing into a log storage module;

a log transmission timing specification module that determines whether a current time is a log transmission timing; and

a log transmission control module that, when said log transmission timing specification module determines that the current time is a log transmission timing, sends the log stored in said log storage module to the management server,

wherein said log storage control module stores a log relating to a job into said log storage module on completion of the whole job when a next job transmission timing does not come before completion of the job, while dividing a job into multiple sections and storing a log relating to the divided job into said log storage module on completion of every one divisional

section of the job when the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the whole job.

3. (original): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 2, wherein said log storage control module determines whether an expected end time of a job estimated according to contents of the job comes to or after the next log transmission timing, in order to determine whether the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the job.

4. (original): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 2, wherein said log storage control module determines whether an execution start time of a job is within a preset approaching range, which is close to the next log transmission timing, in order to determine whether the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the job.

5. (original): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 2, wherein said log storage control module stores a log relating to a print job into said log storage module on completion of the whole print job when a next job transmission timing does not come before completion of the print job, while storing a log relating to a print job into said log storage module on completion of every one page included in the print job when the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the print job.

6. (original): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 5, wherein said log storage control module determines whether an expected end time of a print job estimated according to a volume of print data included in the print job comes to or after the next log

transmission timing, in order to determine whether the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the print job.

7. (original): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 5, wherein said log storage control module determines whether an expected end time of a print job estimated according to a paper size and a number of pages to be printed in the print job comes to or after the next log transmission timing, in order to determine whether the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the print job.

8. (currently amended): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 2~~claim 1~~, said log transmission device being mounted on a network printer.

9. (currently amended): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 2~~claim 1~~, said log transmission device being mounted on a network computer that outputs a printing instruction to a printer.

10. (currently amended): A log transmission device in accordance with claim 2~~claim 1~~, wherein the log includes job identification information for identifying a job related to the log.

11. (currently amended): A log transmission device in accordance with ~~claim 1~~claim 2, wherein said log transmission control module sends the log to a management server, which evaluates validity of a contract made by a dealer with a registered user to permit the use of multiple apparatuses with said log transmission device mounted thereon for a predetermined time period at a flat rate.

12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended): A log transmission method that transmits a log to a management server at every preset log transmission timing, said log transmission method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing a log generated after a previous log transmission timing into a log storage module;

(b) determining whether a current time is a log transmission timing; and

(c) sending the log stored in said log storage module to the management server, when it is determined in step (b) that the current time is a log transmission timing, in accordance with claim 12,

wherein said step (a) stores a log relating to a job into said log storage module on completion of the whole job when a next job transmission timing does not come before completion of the job, while dividing a job into multiple sections and storing a log relating to the job into said log storage module on completion of every one divisional section of the job when the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the job.

14. (original): A log transmission method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said step (a) determines whether an expected end time of a job estimated according to contents of the job comes to or after the next log transmission timing, in order to determine whether the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the job.

15. (original): A log transmission method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said step (a) determines whether an execution start time of a job is within a preset approaching range,

which is close to the next log transmission timing, in order to determine whether the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the job.

16. (original): A log transmission method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said step (a) stores a log relating to a print job into said log storage module on completion of the whole print job when a next job transmission timing does not come before completion of the print job, while storing a log relating to a print job into said log storage module on completion of every one page included in the print job when the next job transmission timing comes before completion of the print job.

17. (currently amended): A log transmission method in accordance with ~~claim 12~~^{claim} 13, wherein the log includes job identification information for identifying a job related to the log.